

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Isaiah 45:1.4-6

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whom he has taken by his right hand to subdue nations before him and strip the loins of kings, to force gateways before him that their gates be closed no more: It is for the sake of my servant Jacob, of Israel my chosen one, that I have called you by your name, conferring a title though you do not know me. I am the Lord, unrivalled; there is no other God besides me. Though you do not know me, I arm you that men may know from the rising to the setting of the sun that, apart from me, all is nothing.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R/ Give the Lord glory and honour.

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians 1:1-5

From Paul, Silvanus and Timothy, to the Church in Thessalonika which is in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ; wishing you grace and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. We always mention you in our prayers and thank God for you all, and constantly remember before God our Father how you have shown your faith in action, worked for love and persevered through hope, in our Lord Jesus Christ. We know, brothers, that God loves you and that you have been chosen, because when we brought the Good News to you, it came to you not only as words, but as power and as the Holy Spirit and as utter conviction.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia!

**Shine on the world like bright stars;
you are offering it the word of life.
Alleluia!**

GOSPEL READING

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 22:15-21

The Pharisees went away to work out between them how to trap Jesus in what he said. And they sent their disciples to him, together with the Herodians, to say, 'Master, we know that you are an honest man and teach the way of God in an honest way, and that you are not afraid of anyone, because a man's rank means nothing to you. Tell us your opinion, then. Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?' But Jesus was aware of their malice and replied, 'You hypocrites! Why do you set this trap for me? Let me see the money you pay the tax with.' They handed him a denarius, and he said, 'Whose head is this? Whose name?' 'Caesar's' they replied. He then said to them, 'Very well, give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to God what belongs to God.'

STUDENT ART EXHIBITION

OUR LADY OF ASSUMPTION SCHOOL ART SHOW On Thursday 8th October, OLA School held its Art Show: '*Flourish: celebrating nature, growth and imagination*'. On display were a number of works from our talented students. To offer the wider community the opportunity to view our students' creativity, some of the artwork has been mounted on panels in the narthex of Our Lady of Assumption church. If you have a moment or two, please stop and appreciate some of our local young talent. Copies of the Art Show's booklet are also available.



CHRIST OUR LIGHT CATHOLIC PARISH

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TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

17th / 18th OCTOBER, 2026

**"Master, we
know that
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Matthew 22:16



God cares about and cares for all people and God works through all people to accomplish good in the world and we are all called on to praise God. Human beings have always realised that, in comparison with the grandeur and expansiveness of the universe within which they live, they are weak and vulnerable creatures. This has led them to believe in and offer homage to a divine being, or beings. Praise of God has always been an expression of awe and gratitude as well as humility. Today's readings suggest that it is service of others that helps to break down the walls of prejudice. Social activists of our own age liberate not only the oppressed groups to which they belong, but also those who oppress them. The lives of these dynamic people show us that service of others draws them into our circles and encircles us in theirs. With open arms God invites all into an embrace of divine love. As God has embraced us, so we are called to embrace all others.

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MASS TIMES – **CHEL TENHAM & HIGHETT**
SATURDAY VIGIL & SUNDAY MASSES:
Saturday [St Agnes Church] 6:00 pm
Sunday [OLA] 9:00 am, 11:00 am

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES:
Tuesday [St Agnes Church] 9.00 am
Tuesday [OLA Church] 6.00 pm
Wednesday [OLA Church] 9.15 am
Thursday [OLA Church] 9.15 am
Friday [St Agnes Church] 9.00 am
Saturday [OLA Church] 9.00 am

COMMUNION SERVICE (except Public Holidays)
Monday [OLA Church] 9.15 am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:
Wednesday [OLA Church] 9:45 am
Saturday [OLA Church] 9.30 am

BAPTISMS: Contact Parish Office: 9583 6161.

WEDDINGS: By appointment, 6 months' notice required. Saturdays or weekdays (not Sundays).

The clergy, employees and volunteers of our parish are committed to upholding a duty of care to all children, young people and vulnerable adults, taking all reasonable steps to protect children, young people and vulnerable adults from all forms of abuse and harm and commit to safeguard their health and well-being.

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY - Year A 17th / 18th OCTOBER, 2026

PRAYING FOR:

Br Bernard Canty SSS,
and all who have died recently.

WE ALSO PRAY FOR:

John Puccetti, Carlos San Juan,
Corazon Ramirez, Celie McDonald,
Peter Carol-Held, Eduardo Abello, Betty Duke,
Sherlock Sison, Paul Gamble, Hendrika Cox,
Vjekoslav Madjarevic, Adam Madjarevic,
Slavica Madjarevic,

and all who we remember at this time.

*...as we also keep in our prayers
all those who are currently unwell.*

**Readings for this liturgical year from
Advent 2025 to Christ the King 2026 are
taken from Year A in the Lectionary cycle.**

Should you wish to view the Scripture
Readings for Daily Mass (Australian
Liturgical Calendar) please visit:

universalis.com/australia.melbourne/1000/Mass

VOLUNTEERS: Please make sure that your
WWCC/POLICE CHECK documents are
current, that is, have not expired, and copies
made available to the Parish Office.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP: Thank you to all
parishioners who continue to generously
support our parish i.e., through their
contributions to both our Thanksgiving and
Presbytery collections. With the assistance of the
Archdiocese, we are currently working on
refining the facility for parishioners to contribute
to Christ Our Light Parish via an online portal.

PLEASE NOTE: There will be no Communion
Service on Mondays throughout October.



MELBOURNE SYNOD 2026

We're invited to answer the call to
deepen our understanding of
synodality in parish life. More information is
available at:

melbournecatholic.org/synod2026

**SYNOD CORNER: Why participation
matters** Participation helps people move from
being passive recipients to active disciples. This
deepens faith and strengthens mission.



POPE LEO'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER

Pope Leo XIV has dedicated
his October prayer intention to
mental health ministry, calling
on the Church to listen without judging and
accompany those who suffer without
excluding them. He prays, 'We bring before
you our brothers and sisters who struggle
with challenges to their mental health, who
suffer in solitude with anxiety, depression or
any other mental illness'. His prayer may be
accessed online here:

www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rx0liPoyRLY



CONGRATULATIONS to all who
were Confirmed within this week's parish
celebrations of the Sacrament of
Confirmation. Confirmation Masses were
celebrated on Friday evening, at Our Lady of
Assumption church, and on Saturday
evening at St Agnes' church. May God's Holy
Spirit enlighten, strengthen, and accompany
each and all our newly Confirmed
throughout their Christian journey of life.
Thanks to both our Principals, our Religious
Education Leaders, teachers, parents and
catechists, for their support and mentoring of
these young people.



WE NEED YOUR HELP!

We are collecting
BOTTLES OF ALCOHOL
FOR OUR LUCKY BOTTLES STALL!



EVERY
BOTTLE
MAKES A
DIFFERENCE!

**YOUR DONATIONS HELP MAKE OUR FETE
A SUCCESS FOR EVERYONE!**

♥ THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT! ♥



Donations can be dropped off at:
OLA School Office
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For more information contact
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OLA Fete, Saturday 7th November 2026

If you would like to assist or want further
information, please contact either of our Fete
Co- Chairs: **Kim (0413 038 753)** or **Rachel
(0413 348 768)**, or get in touch via email:

fete@olacheltenham.catholic.edu.au.

Thank you so much for your continued
generosity and support!



100 YEARS OF WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

We are reminded by Pope Leo XIV that we are
'One in Christ, United in Mission'. To find out
more about World Mission Month, visit:

catholicmission.org.au/worldmissionmonth